MINUTES COLORADO STATE CONSERVATION BOARD SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING September 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President **Danny Neufeld** called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Danny Neufeld, President – Rio Grande River Watershed

Pat Meakins, Vice President – Member-At-Large

Jack Swennes, Secretary – Upper Arkansas River Watershed

Leroy Brase - Lower Arkansas River Watershed

Mary Sue Liss – Upper South Platte River Watershed

Bud Mekelburg – Republican River, Lower S. Platte River Watersheds

Mel Rettig – Colorado River, Gunnison-Dolores River Watersheds

Board members absent:

Jim (JD) Amick, White – Yampa and North Platte River Watersheds

Jack Burk - San Juan Basin River Watershed

Staff members present:

Callie Hendrickson, Conservation Specialist

Pam King, Conservation Specialist

Janette Terry, Conservation Specialist

APPROVAL OF 2009 MATCHING GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Pam King reviewed the time line, process and procedures for submission and review of the applications by the Matching Grant Review Committee. The seven-member Review Committee consisted of two members from the State Conservation Board, the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts and one member from Colorado State University Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Services and Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

Fifty seven applications were submitted this year. This was a substantial increase from last year. Following discussion and clarifications regarding the committee recommendation as presented, **Mel Rettig** made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by **Pat Meakins** and was approved unanimously.

The board will have opportunities for in-put and comments regarding next year's Grant Program at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.